

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN )  
INCREASE IN ELECTRIC RATES AND ) PSC DOCKET NO. 13-115  
MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES )  
(FILED MARCH 22, 2013) )

ORDER NO. **8475**

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2013, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva") submitted to the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") a policy filing entitled the "Proposed Forward Looking Rate Plan of Delmarva Power & Light Company" (the "FLRP"), a multi-year rate plan that would establish delivery rates for a period of four years into the future and establish more stringent minimum reliability performance requirements, which was docketed by Order No. 8467 as PSC Dkt. 13-384; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, by Order No. 8466, the Commission granted Delmarva's request pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 306 (b) to implement an additional interim rate increase of approximately \$25.2 million, under bond and subject to refund, effective with service on and after October 22, 2013. The approved additional \$25.2 million in temporary rates results in a total interim rate increase of \$27,655,265, subject to refund;<sup>1</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> \$27,655,265 is cumulative of the \$2,500,000 put into effect on June 1, 2013 in accordance with Order No. 8337 and the \$25,155,265 approved on October 8, 2013 in Order No. 8466.

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2013, Delmarva filed a Motion in this Docket captioned "Motion to Stay Evidentiary Hearings" (the "Motion") requesting that the Commission stay further proceedings in this matter pending resolution of its recently filed FLRP, which Motion proposed as partial consideration of any stay a \$8.5 million reduction in the interim rates approved in Order No. 8466; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2013, the Public Advocate filed his objection to the Motion; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regularly-scheduled meeting on October 22, 2013, the Commission heard argument supporting and opposing Delmarva's Motion from various parties to the proceeding and considered such arguments in its deliberations in open session;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT  
FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That Delmarva's Motion to stay the Base Rate Case (Docket No. 13-115) is denied.

2. That the Commission is not persuaded by Delmarva's Motion, or its arguments in support of its Motion, that it is in ratepayers' interest to stay this matter in light of the evidentiary hearings scheduled to begin on November 13, 2013.

3. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley  
Secretary